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1. According to a directive of the East German Ministry of General Machine Construction, all development work in the field of cables and materials for circuits was to be centralized at the Vacha Cable Factory. The development laboratory of this enterprise was headed by Rost (fnu), who was an expert in the field of cables. In late 1953, about 35 persons were employed in the development laboratory of the Vacha Cable Factory. It was intended to reduce this personnel in early 1954 because some of the development work conducted at the installation was to be transferred to technical institutes. The plans for a centralization of research in the field of cables were not realized, however, because the Oberspree Cable Factory continued to do research in this field.
2. The sum of 1,200,000 DME was made available in 1953 for research in the field of cable production, as follows:

Kabelwerk Oberspree (KWO)	500,000 DME
Kabelwerk Vacha (KWV)	400,000 DME
Kabelwerk Koepenick (KWK)	200,000 DME
Kabelwerk Meissen (KWM)	100,000 DME
3. Pohler (fnu), who was the chief of the development department at KWO was believed to be the most qualified in this field in East Germany. He was assisted by Wedemeyer (fnu) and Krabiel(fnu). The development laboratory of KWK was headed by Dipl. Ing. Forstmeyer (fnu). He was assisted by Oeding (fnu); both are well-qualified individuals.
4. KWM was established in 1952-1953. Development work at this plant was not continued in 1953.

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